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BANGKOK/MANILA PASS TO CODEL WOLFF AND ASST. SECRETARY  
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TAGS: OREP, CODEL SPARKMAN

SUBJECT: SPARKMAN NEWS CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT (CLEARED BY CODEL) OF SPARKMAN AIR-  
PORT NEWS CONFERENCE ON ARRIVAL TAIPEI APRIL 16. SPARKMAN  
INTRODUCED BY AMBASSADOR.

AMBASSADOR UNGER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO  
INTRODUCE OUR VISITOR, THE LEADER OF THIS DELEGATION WHO HAS  
JUST COME BACK FROM THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION IN AUS-  
TRALIA AND WILL TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS. SENATOR SPARKMAN SAYS  
HE DOES NOT HAVE A STATEMENT SO HE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROCEED  
DIRECTLY TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: COULD WE HAVE YOUR VIEWPOINTS ON WHAT SHOULD BE  
AMERICA'S POSITION TOWARD THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA?

SENATOR SPARKMAN: WELL, LET ME SAY THAT I THINK THAT POSITION  
OUGHT TO BE WELL KNOWN BECAUSE THROUGH THE YEARS WE HAVE  
MAINTAINED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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WE HAVE A SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. WE  
HAVE IN THE PAST GIVEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE TO  
CHINA IN THE WAY OF ARMS AND SO FORTH, AND I DON'T KNOW OF  
ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE A BETTER MANIFESTATION OF OUR INTEREST  
IN AND FRIENDSHIP TO CHINA THAN THAT.

QUESTION: WE UNDERSTAND THE HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY BUT DO MOST

U.S. SENATORS UNDERSTAND THAT COMMUNIST CHINA -- THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE HUMAN RIGHTS?

SPARKMAN: ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, I'D SAY THIS -- THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS TRIED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE DO HAVE A NATIONAL POLICY OF FAVORING AND PAYING RESPECT AND ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS. NOW, I THINK THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING, BUT IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION -- WE HAVEN'T SAID -- PRESIDENT CARTER HASN'T SAID THAT WE SHALL TRY TO FORCE THAT ON ANYBODY. HE SIMPLY SEES THIS AS A POLICY THAT WE OUGHT TO OBSERVE.

QUESTION: IN CASE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION BREAKS THE TREATY WITH MY COUNTRY, WHAT ABOUT THE SENATE. WILL THE SENATE --

SPARKMAN: BREAKS THE TREATY WITH YOUR COUNTRY?

QUESTION: YES.

SPARKMAN: ARE YOU REFERRING TO TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA?

QUESTION: IN CASE, SUPPOSE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION BREAKS THE TREATY WITH MY COUNTRY, WHAT WILL THE SENATE DO?

SPARKMAN: IF HE BREAKS THE TREATY WITH TAIWAN?

QUESTION: YES. WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE?

SPARKMAN: THAT'S WHAT I CALL AN "IFFY" QUESTION BECAUSE I UNCLASSIFIED

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DON'T THINK ANYBODY CAN SUSPECT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER OR OUR COUNTRY WILL BREAK A TREATY WITH YOUR COUNTRY. WE DO HAVE A TREATY WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND THAT TREATY WILL BE OBSERVED. I FEEL QUITE CONFIDENT OF THAT.

QUESTION: MR.SENATOR, I UNDERSTAND THAT MR. HOLBROOKE IN HIS TESTIMONY TO THE CONGRESS REGARDING HIS CONFIRMATION TOLD THE CONGRESS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON AN AMERICAN FORMULA REGARDING THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PEKING AND HE USED THE WORDS "DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION." WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THAT?

SPARKMAN: WELL, OF COURSE YOU KNOW THAT THERE WAS A VISIT TO MAINLAND CHINA AND AS A RESULT THE PEKING UNDERSTANDINGS CAME FORTH, BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS ANY MOVEMENT WHATSOEVER TO BREAK ANY TREATY. THERE IS A PROVISION IN THE TREATY THAT WE HAVE WITH TAIWAN THAT EITHER PARTY CAN ABROGATE IT ON ONE YEAR'S NOTICE, BUT I DON'T KNOW OF ANYBODY THAT IS THINKING OF ANY ABROGATION OF THE TREATY AND THERE IS NO

REASON TO HAVE ANY FEARS ON THAT SCORE.

QUESTION: SIR, WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN'S REMARKS TO THE LONDON TIMES THAT PEKING WOULD RESORT TO FORCE TO SOLVE THE TAIWAN QUESTION?

SPARKMAN: WELL, I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH HIS STATEMENT TO THE LONDON TIMES, BUT I CAN'T ENVISION ANY FORCE BEING USED.

QUESTION: WELL, SENATOR, YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SENATE ADVOCATE THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN HAVE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEKING REGIME BUT YOU ALSO OPPOSE ANY ABANDONING ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD TAIWAN. HOW CAN THESE TWO THINGS BE ACCOMPLISHED?

SPARKMAN: WE'RE OPPOSED TO WHAT WITH REFERENCE TO TAIWAN?

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QUESTION: ABANDONING TAIWAN.

SPARKMAN: WE'RE OPPOSED TO WHAT WITH TAIWAN?

QUESTION: TO CUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN. AND ALSO YOU WANT TO HAVE THE NORMALIZATION WITH PEKING. HOW CAN THESE TWO THINGS BE ACCOMPLISHED AT THE SAME TIME?

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SPARKMAN: WELL, I DON'T KNOW OF ANY MOVE; I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS ANY MOVEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO ABROGATING THE TREATY. I THINK PERHAPS THERE'S MORE TALK THAN THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD OF ACTION. BY THE WAY, I MADE A SPEECH RECENTLY AND I INCLUDED IN IT THIS ONE PARAGRAPH AND I'D LIKE TO READ IT TO YOU BECAUSE I THINK IT STATES CLEARLY MY POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO THIS QUESTION. NOW, LET ME READ THIS: "I WOULD NOT THINK THERE IS ANYTHING WE OUGHT TO DO, FOR THE TIME BEING, TO ALTER OUR RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA MAINTAINS THAT IT CANNOT ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES UNLESS WE SEVER OUR SECURITY TREATY WITH TAIWAN. THIS, IT SEEMS TO ME, WOULD BE BOTH UNWISE AND UN-NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. THE TAIWANESE ECONOMY IS FLOURISHING AND THE CHINESE AND NATIVE TAIWANESE SEEM TO BE LIVING TOGETHER ON THE ISLAND IN REASONABLE, IF LESS THAN PERFECT, HARMONY. THERE'S NO INDICATION MOREOVER OF ANY POPULAR DESIRE FOR REUNION WITH CHINA. AS FAR AS CHINA IS CONCERNED, OUR RELATIONS ARE IN FACT CLOSE ENOUGH TO NORMAL TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH THEIR AND OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS. I WOULD THINK THAT WE CAN BOTH LIVE COMFORTABLY ENOUGH FOR A WHILE LONGER WITH LIAISON OFFICES IN EACH OTHER'S CAPITALS, WHICH IN FACT ARE EMBASSIES IN ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT NAME." WE'RE GETTING ALONG ALL RIGHT.

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK MOST MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT?

SPARKMAN: WELL, I CAN'T MEASURE THE FEELINGS OF THE DIFFERENT SENATORS. I HAVEN'T DISCUSSED IT, BUT THERE IS THE STATEMENT I MADE IN THE SENATE. NOBODY CHALLENGED IT.

QUESTION: LAST WEEK SENATOR GOLDWATER WAS HERE AND HE PROPOSED DURING HIS STAY THAT THE U.S. SUPPLY TAIWAN WITH NEW AND MORE ADVANCED WEAPONRY. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THIS?

SPARKMAN: WE ARE SUPPLYING TAIWAN WITH ARMS, AREN'T WE? NOW, I'M NOT AN AUTHORITY ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF WEAPONS, BUT WE ARE IN A PROCESS OF SUPPLYING ARMS TO TAIWAN. AND I'M CERTAIN THAT THE EXPERTS WHO KNOW WHAT THE NEEDS ARE WILL WORK OUT SATISFACTORY PROGRAMS.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW THIS WILL BE ARRANGED? WILL THIS BE MORE CREDITS; IS IT PRIVATE SALES?

SPARKMAN: OH WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE WORKED OUT.

AS YOU KNOW, ARMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE BOTH THROUGH SALES, THROUGH GRANTS, AND UNDER DIFFERENT TERMS AS TWO COUNTRIES MAY AGREE UPON.

QUESTION: YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR ADDRESS THAT THE TAIWAN ECONOMY IS FLOURISHING.

SPARKMAN: THAT THE TAIWAN ECONOMY IS WHAT?

QUESTION: FLOURISHING.

SPARKMAN: YES.

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QUESTION: IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGE OF STATUS, DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE CASE?

SPARKMAN: YOU MEAN IF THERE WERE CHANGE.

QUESTION: WHAT I'M SAYING IS, U.S.-TAIWAN RELATIONS.

SPARKMAN: WELL, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT'S SPECULATING ON SOMETHING. YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN TO CHINA. I'VE BEEN TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA -- I'VE BEEN TO TAIWAN. I'VE BEEN ALL OVER IT AT DIFFERENT TIMES. AND I REMEMBER FROM THE VERY FIRST THAT WHEN I WENT HOME FROM HERE I REPORTED THAT I FOUND A FLOURISHING ECONOMY AND I HAVE PRAISED THE ECONOMY OF TAIWAN AND ITS TRADE AND ITS ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. SO, LET'S NOT THINK ABOUT THE ECONOMY DROPPING: LET'S KEEP IT GOING AS IT IS NOW.

QUESTION: WHAT'S YOUR COMMENT ON TWO CHINA POLICY.

SPARKMAN: TAIWAN POLICY?

QUESTION: NO, TWO CHINA POLICY. I HEARD THAT YOU PROPOSED THIS POLICY.

SPARKMAN: TWO CHINAS?

QUESTION: IN OTHER WORDS YOU SAY THAT THE LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON IS A VIRTUAL EMBASSY. DOESN'T THAT MEAN THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE A POLICY WHERE IT RECOGNIZES TWO CHINAS? A CHINA IN TAIWAN AND A CHINA IN PEKING.

SPARKMAN: DID YOU LISTEN TO THE STATEMENT I READ?

QUESTION: YES.

SPARKMAN: WHAT DID I SAY IN THERE? I THINK I GAVE YOU A  
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COMPLETE STATEMENT OF MY VIEWS ON THAT.

SPARKMAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU.  
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